

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) A vehicle body, comprising:

a monocoque body member formed from a plastic composite, said plastic composite including carbon fiber; and

at least one electrical conductor,

wherein the at least one electrical conductor is laminated into the carbon fiber-containing plastic composite.

6. (original) The vehicle body of Claim 5, wherein the at least one electrical conductor forms a grounding connection.

7. (original) The vehicle body of Claim 5, wherein the at least one electrical conductor has at least one contact point.

8. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ vehicle body ~~of Claim 5~~, comprising:
a monocoque body member formed from a plastic composite, said plastic composite including carbon fiber; and
at least one electrical conductor,
wherein the at least one electrical conductor is laminated into the carbon fiber-containing plastic composite, and
wherein the at least one electrical conductor is an aluminum conductor

having weight-reduction passages.

9. (currently amended) A method for constructing a vehicle body,
comprising the step of:

forming a monocoque body member from a plastic composite, said plastic
composite including carbon fiber,

wherein at least one electrical conductor is laminated into the carbon
fiber-containing plastic composite.

10. (original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the at least one electrical
conductor forms a grounding connection.

11. (original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the at least one electrical
conductor has at least one contact point.

12. (currently amended) A The method for constructing a vehicle body,
comprising the step of: of Claim 9,

forming a monocoque body member from a plastic composite, said plastic
composite including carbon fiber,

wherein at least one electrical conductor is laminated into the carbon
fiber-containing plastic composite, and

wherein the at least one electrical conductor is an aluminum conductor
having weight-reduction passages.